The LI-820 CO₂ Gas Analyzer







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For Continuous CO₂ Monitoring Applications

Long recognized as a market leader in high quality, portable infrared gas analyzers for environmental research, LI-COR now introduces the LI-820 CO₂ Gas Analyzer. The LI-820 is an absolute, non-dispersive, infrared (NDIR) gas analyzer based upon a single path, dual wavelength, infrared detection system. This low-cost, low-maintenance analyzer is designed for continuous monitoring of CO₂ over a wide range of environmental conditions.

LI-820 Features

- High accuracy over the entire measurement range due to automatic temperature and pressure compensation
- High stability with low zero and span drift
- 1 ppm signal noise at 370 ppm CO₂.
- Two interchangeable optical benches provide four CO₂ measurement ranges: 0-1,000 or 0-2,000 ppm using the standard 14 cm optical path, and 0-5,000 or 0-20,000 ppm using the optional 5 cm optical path

- User cleanable optical paths do not require factory recalibration
- Factory calibration made using gases traceable to WMO and EPA standards
- Operating temperature range of –25 °C to +45 °C
- Maximum flow rate of up to 1 liter/minute
- Compact, lightweight design with low power consumption

User defined high and low alarms are available as voltage outputs, allowing you to control CO₂ within a desired range. For instance, the LI-820 can trigger an exhaust fan in a greenhouse environment. Relays can trigger devices such as automatic dialers, alarms, pumps, and valves in industrial environments. Alarm values can be changed easily using the Windows[®]-compatible application software included with the LI-820.



Innovative Optical Path

The optical benches can be swapped quickly and easily. The LI-820 optical path is designed to achieve accurate CO₂ concentration measurement:

- The reflector and optical path are gold plated to increase energy transmission.
- CO₂ is measured in a single path through the use of narrow band optical filters.
- The optical path is in contact with the source and detector housing, achieving thermal equilibrium.
- A pressure transducer reduces variability due to changes in barometric pressure.
- A foam enclosure surrounds the optical bench. This helps maintain a controlled thermal environment as well as protect the bench from mechanical shock and vibration.

Multiple Data Outputs

The LI-820 includes easy-to-use Windows[®] interface software for user calibration and data collection. You can easily set operational parameters and logging options, as well as output data to a printable chart. Once parameters have been set, a main window displays CO_2 concentration and status of settings.



A choice of analog outputs (Temperature, Pressure, or CO₂) are selectable on either of the two DAC channels. Linear analog voltage (0-2.5V, 0-5V) and current loop (4-20mA) outputs are available. A removable terminal strip allows easy connection of external recording devices such as the LI-COR LI-1400 Datalogger.

An eXtensible Markup Language (XML) communication protocol provides for complete OEM application integration. XML is a simple text-based language that allows bi-directional communication between the LI-820 and your data acquisition system. As an example, sending this command:

<LI820><DATA>?</DATA></LI820>

instructs the LI-820 to send the most recent set of data values. The XML communication protocol allows the LI-820 to be polled for data at user-defined intervals, globally reconfigured, or configured to perform automatic calibration routines.

Applications

The LI-820 can be used for continuous monitoring of carbon dioxide under a wide range of environmental conditions due to its stability, accuracy, and design. As a result, the instrument can be used for a variety of applications:

- **Ocean Sciences**
- **Plant Sciences**
- CO₂ Sequestration
- CO₂ Storage
- Soil CO₂
- Ambient Air Monitoring
- Meteorology

- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- **Entomological Respiration Studies**
- Volcanology
- Geological Monitoring ۲
- Bioremediation •
- TOC Analyzer System

- Particulate Analyzer System
- Greenhouse Control Systems
- Growth Chambers
- Fruit Storage •
- Food and Beverage Industry
- Industrial CO₂ Monitoring
- Other Portable Instruments Requiring CO₂ Detection

Non-Dispersive Infrared

12V (3.6W) average after warmup

0 to 95% RH, Non-Condensing

(22.23 x 15.25 x 7.62 cm)

with heaters on

8.75" x 6" x 3"

2.2 lbs. (1 kg)

-20 to 45°C

Specifications*

CO_2

Measurement Range:	0 – 1,000 ppm, 0 – 2,000 ppm	Traceability:	Traceable gases to WMO standards
	0 – 5,000 ppm, 0 – 20,000 ppm		from 0 to 3,000 ppm. Traceable
Accuracy:	<2.5% of reading with 14 cm bench;		gases to EPA protocol gases from
	4% of reading with 5 cm bench		3,000 to 20,000 ppm
Calibration Drift	C C	Pressure Compensation Range:	15 kPa – 115 kPa
Zero Drift ⁽¹⁾ :	<0.15 ppm/°C	Maximum Gas Flow Rate:	1 liter/min
Span Drift ⁽²⁾ :	<0.03%/°C	Output Signals:	Two Analog Voltage (0-2.5V or
Total Drift ⁽³⁾ at 370 ppm:	<0.4 ppm/°C		0-5V) and Two Current (4-20mA)
			Digital: TTL (0-5V) or Open
RMS Noise at 370 ppm with	1		Collector
1 sec signal filtering:	<1 ppm	DAC Resolution:	14-bits across user-specifified
0 0			range
		Source Life:	18,000 Hours
		Power Requirements:	Input Voltage 12-30 VDC; 1.2A @
			12V (14W) maximum during
			warmup with heaters on 0.3A @

Measurement Principle:

- ⁽¹⁾ Zero Drift is the change with temperature at 0 concentration.
- ⁽²⁾ Span Drift is the residual error after re-zeroing following a temperature change.
- ⁽³⁾ Total Drift is the change with temperature without re-zeroing or re-spanning.

Ordering Information

LI-820 CO₂ Analyzer:

Includes LI-820 CO₂ Analyzer with 14 cm optical path (0-2,000 ppm), spare parts kit, 2 disposable air filters, cleaning kit, Windows® communications software, and a 9-pin RS-232 communications cable. A power source is required.



800-401 AC Power Supply (110 VAC):

Operating Temperature Range:

Relative Humidity Range:

Dimensions:

Weight:

18 VDC output, 800 mA, for indoor use only. An AC power supply is required if an alternate power supply is not available. See Power Requirements in the specifications.

800-905 Optional 5 cm Optical Path:

Everything needed to replace the standard 14 cm optical path. The 5 cm optical path provides a measurement range of 0-20,000 ppm.

